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Murder victim's family 'may never recover'

BY NICK SMITH & JAMES AVERILL
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THE family of a man butchered to death for a small amount of cannabis have spoke of their devastation at 'never seeing his smiling face again'.

Atul Shah's family added they 'may never recover' from his senseless murder – for which two men were found guilty this week.

Kyle Pitchford-Price, 23, of Dovehouse Hill, and Luke West, 23, of Abbots Wood Road, were both convicted of the killing at Luton Crown Court on Wednesday following a five-week trial.

The duo went to Mr Shah's flat in Crescent Road on January 6 this year with the intention of robbing him of his homegrown cannabis and money.

Instead, they tied his feet together and bludgeoned him to death.

A statement from Mr Shah's family at the conclusion of the trial said: "Atul was a kind, loving man and

always had a smile on his face. We know those who are guilty of his death will serve their time in prison, however, we are truly saddened to say that the outcome of the trial has no bearing on the fact that we will never see Atul's smiling face again.

"The family are devastated and may probably never recover from this cruel horrific murder of Atul."

Mr Shah, 47, was bound and savagely beaten to death by the pair, who had spent the night binging on drink and drugs with friends.

An exercise dumbbell was smashed into his mouth with such ferocity that three of his teeth were later found in his stomach when a post-mortem examination was carried out.

During the trial Pitchford-Price and West blamed each other for the crime, but were both found guilty and will be sentenced in September.

West and Pitchford-Price will also be sentenced for conspiracy to rob, while the latter also pleaded guilty to

perverting the course of justice.

Pitchford-Price's girlfriend Corrina Armstrong, 22, also of Dovehouse Hill, will be sentenced alongside them next month for conspiracy to burgle and perverting the course of justice.

Brian Edge, 56, was cleared of perverting the course of justice. The pair had used his flat in Hart Hill Drive to 'clean up' after the murder.

Callum Holton, 24, of Milton Road, was also cleared of conspiracy to rob.

Detective Inspector Justine Jenkins, of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire Major Crime Unit said: "This was an absolutely sickening and brutal case, with both Pitchford-Price and West inflicting unimaginable torture on their victim.

"For the sake of a small amount of cannabis, these depraved individuals have not only taken a father away from his children, but ruined countless lives in the process – including their own."

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The day the Royals dropped in

LUCKY Luton got a special royal visit this week as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge spent a day in the town.

The pair celebrated an anniversary at Keech Hospice Care and saw inside Youthscape and Hayward Tyler.

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BOTTOMS UP: You might have seen this picture from our sister title *Bedfordshire on Sunday* in the national press this week. The second test flight of the Airlander, the biggest aircraft in the world, hit a hitch when it landed headfirst at its Cardington base this week. No cause for the crash has yet been given.

Editor's Letter



Keyboard warriors need to get a life

WRITE an article and they will post abuse on it, update Facebook and they will troll it, sign up for a dating site and they could threaten the sanctity of your entire existence.

They are the loners without a cause. Except thanks to the advent of the internet, they have given themselves a cause and a way of getting noticed.

This week we tell the story of a young man who threatened to out secretly gay individuals to their family and friends (see page 7). Whatever your thoughts on concealing aspects of your sexuality, blackmail is never ok.

Credit to the judge for coming down hard in this case.

In years gone by, these guys and girls wouldn't have been able to wreak as much damage as they can now. But people willing to compromise their morals and risk legal action because of the safety a keyboard offers do not deserve a place to hide.

But getting a grip on cybercrime and online abuse is one thing, some people just need to get a life. *Sarah Cox*

Stadium plan gets a boost

BY NICK SMITH

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THE Hatters' long-held ambition of finding a new home for the club took a 'massive step forward' when their planning application was validated by the council.

The plans for both a mixed-use development near Junction 10a of the M1 and a new stadium at Power Court will now undergo a public consultation process.

Chief executive of Luton Town Football Club Gary Sweet said: "It's a massive step forward and an important milestone."

"It's a key one as it gives supporters and the people of Luton and the surrounding areas the chance to feed into the council's process."

Mr Sweet said he was aware of a few objections to the plans already, but feels the positives vastly outweigh the negatives.

He said: "There are a few commercial objections, which we were expecting but we've done all we possibly could in the design process to



PARTNERS: Members of Level Trust with the Hatters

limit any impact. You've got to balance the negatives with the overwhelming positives for the town as a whole.

"I'm a Lutonian and the boardmembers are predominantly from the town as well."

"We want to use this as a chance to raise Luton's economy and perspective."

Mr Sweet made the comments at a meeting on Thursday, which saw Level Trust announced as the club's charity partner for the coming season. Level Trust seeks to remove the barriers that poverty brings to a child's education by providing children with everything they need to thrive.

The charity's director Jane Malcolm said: "I am delighted that we have been chosen as Luton Town Football Club's charity of the year. "Luton is lucky enough to have a football club that cares deeply about its town and the people who live in it."

Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK Ltd, which is Luton Town's main sponsor, said: "It's a shocking statistic that as many as 14,000 children in Luton are living below the poverty line, and we are delighted to support this extremely worthwhile cause."

The Level Trust will be the official shirt sponsor for the home tie against Crawley Town on February 11 after SsangYong gave up one of their matches as sponsor to the charity.

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School plan appeal as 'helped' students fail

BY NICK SMITH
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AN entire school year were given a 'U' for their ICT GCSE – after the exam board said it believed too much help was given with coursework.

While students across the country were celebrating on Thursday, pupils at Harlington Upper School were left reeling after exam board OCR decided it 'cannot accept the work submitted following moderation'.

A letter handed out to parents on the results morning at the school read: "The examination board believe that all students received a level of assistance from teachers beyond that permitted by the specification."

A mum of one of the students affected, who asked not to be named, said: "I came here with my daughter to pick up her exam results this morning and the school handed out this letter to all parents."

"I'm absolutely furious, it's an important grade. All

of that hard work has gone to waste."

The school is currently looking at the possibility of appealing the decision.

Headteacher Shawn Fell added in the letter: "I am treating this as a very serious matter and am aware it is not of the candidates' doing. OCR has an appeals process and I am currently carrying out an investigation to establish if it is possible for this decision to be reviewed. In the meantime, I recognise that you may be relying on this qualification to support

your progression into Sixth Form or college."

He said the grading issue will be taken into account when looking at admissions to the sixth form.

A spokeswoman for OCR said: "It is in everyone's interest that no candidate has an unfair advantage over another, which is why OCR takes all incidents of malpractice very seriously. However, like all exam boards OCR has a well-established appeals procedure which is designed for schools and colleges in difficult situations like this."

Delight for Denbigh on results day

DENBIGH High School headteacher Colin Townsend was thrilled with the results his students posted in their GCSE exams.

"It paints a great picture," he said, after 71 per cent of students achieved 'good grades' of A* to C.

There was more smiles at Challney High School for Boys, where more than 90 per cent of students got top grades in either English language or English literature.

Principal Daniel Connor told LoS: "It's a real testament to the work of our students and the dedication of teachers."



TOP MARKS: Denbigh student Abdurraheed Sadiq, 16, (left) bagged nine A*'s and three A grades. Classmate Rumaanah Qhatun, also 16, scored a spectacular ten A*'s and two As

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Blackmailer preyed on secretly gay men

BY COURT REPORTER
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A BLACKMAILER who threatened to expose secretly gay men using a pick-up website was jailed for two-and-a-half-years after being told it amounted to 'attempted murder of the soul'.

Liam Hull, 22, was a sad loner who targeted scores of men using website Grindr for his wicked demands.

Having made contact with his victims, some of who were married with children and were secretly using the gay pick-up site, Hull would threaten to expose them unless they coughed up.

One victim paid over a thousand pounds into a bank account that Hull had set up.

Another victim, a man who had been married for over 20 years and who had two grown up children, was forced to confess to his wife about his double life.

Another man suffered a mild stroke because of the worry and stress after Hull contacted him.

On Wednesday Hull, of



JAILED: Liam Hull tried to out gay men to family and friends

Green Close, Luton, pleaded guilty at Luton Crown Court to three offences of blackmail.

Jailing him for two-and-a-half years, Judge Richard Foster, The Honourable Recorder for Luton, told Hull that the former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane had once set out how cruel the offence of blackmail could be.

The judge told unemployed Hull: "Lord Lane said that in the calendar of criminal offences, blackmail was one of the ugliest and most

vicious because it involved what one found so often, the attempted murder of the soul."

Hull, armed with a mobile telephone number and the scant information he had, would then use the internet and social media sites such as Facebook to learn more about a victim – before contacting them to say he would expose them to friends and family unless he was paid.

Prosecutor Max Hardy said the charges Hull faced concerned three men who had become blackmail victims, but who had found courage to help the authorities.

Defending, Mr David Healey told the court Hull had been diagnosed in his youth with ADHD and dyslexia and had spent some time in his teens in care.

When he was arrested he was living in rented accommodation and on benefits.

As he passed sentence this week Judge Foster paid tribute to the bravery of victims A, B and C who had come forward 'to ensure that justice was done in this case'.

Fears for donkeys in the heat



LONG FACE: The council insists the welfare of donkeys at Summer in the Sun has been fully considered

CONCERNS for the welfare of donkeys at an event in Luton have been raised due to this week's heatwave.

Donkey rides have been taking place in St George's Square all week as part of the annual Summer in the Sun event.

But Luton resident Sharon Moore said she became concerned for the animals' wellbeing on Tuesday as she was walking through the square.

She said: "I saw them panting due to the heat."

"There was no shade for them and not even a pale of water for them."

"I think it's disgusting that the local authority sanctioned this."

But a spokesman for Luton Borough Council said the RSPCA had no complaints.

They added: "The donkeys at Love Luton's Summer in the Sun event belong to a reputable company, Mike's Donkeys."

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Royal welcome

BY STEPHEN PENN AND
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WEDNESDAY was a special day for Keech Hospice Care in Luton as staff and patients celebrated 25 years of adult care with some royal guests.

The hospice, which supports adults, children and their families from across Bedfordshire, was visited by TRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge during their day in Luton.

The couple had a guided tour of the hospice, which has more than 1,600 volunteers and costs £5.3m each year to run, and met patients and their families.

Kate and William were gifted personalised memory jars by Jamie and Ethan Coniam, aged 10 and six respectively, whose brother Kieran died aged just 10 years old in Keech Hospice in 2014.

Their father, Gary, from Flitwick, told LoS: "Losing a child is absolutely horrific, no two ways about that."

"But the support of Keech, both before and after Kieran passed has been amazing."

The Duke and Duchess were then led around the adult facility.

Following their tour, they were presented with a posy designed by Dunstable woman Amy Richardson,



SPECIAL OCCASION: TRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with brothers Jamie and Ethan Coniam at Keech Hospice and right, the couple officially open Youthscape charity in the Bute Mills building

whose mum Jackie was cared for by the hospice after a breast cancer diagnosis.

The bouquet was presented to the Duchess by Evie Farmer, seven, who attends the Keech Hospice Care Sparklers Group for siblings which enables Evie to have some one-to-one attention.

Her mum said: "Sparklers helps Evie mix with other children who are in the same situation as she is."

"She understands them and they understand her."

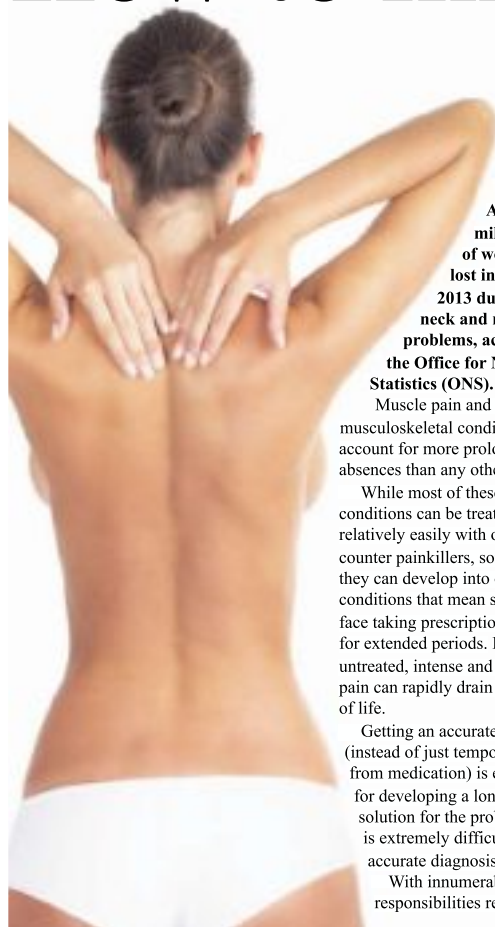
Liz Searle, CEO of Keech

Hospice Care, said: "It has been fantastic to have the Duke and Duchess here."

"What was wonderful is they seemed so interested in what we do here. Keech has so much to offer people and what I hope everyone got out of today is hospices are actually very full of life."

Earlier in the day, the royal couple officially opened Youthscape, at Bute Mills. Founded in 1993, this national youth charity is based in the town and specialises in young people's development.

How to find long-term relief from muscle pain



Almost 31 million days of work were lost in the UK in 2013 due to back, neck and muscle problems, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Muscle pain and other musculoskeletal conditions account for more prolonged absences than any other ailment.

While most of these conditions can be treated relatively easily with over-the-counter painkillers, sometimes they can develop into chronic conditions that mean sufferers face taking prescription medicine for extended periods. Left untreated, intense and persistent pain can rapidly drain the joy out of life.

Getting an accurate diagnosis (instead of just temporary relief from medication) is essential for developing a long-term solution for the problem, but it is extremely difficult to get an accurate diagnosis.

With innumerable responsibilities requiring

more urgent attention than just "muscle pain" the NHS just isn't set up to find out what is really wrong. The typical tests, if you're given any at all, just don't pick up the problem that's causing the muscle pain. And in those cases all you're left with is weak advice like "you're just not stretching enough" or "maybe we can try some stronger medication".

You might get lots of other advice as well, all of which is just as deeply flawed, and you're likely to get something different from every healthcare provider that you speak to. They all have their own opinions.

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for Kate and Will



Youthscape member, Kane Pope, who played pool with the Duke, said that meeting Kate and Will was a 'once in a lifetime experience'.

The couple heard some emotional stories from youngsters who have benefited from the service, including 'Youthscape Champion' Ellis Jones.

Ellis, 18, was welcomed in when she was 14 after her mother was diagnosed with autoimmune disease.

"It was a really hard time," she said. I came from a single parent family so we had no fall back or support. I had no one, I started to get angry.

"I started seeing someone at Youthscape and things started getting much better. But after my mum died, I got into a really dark and dangerous place. Youthscape took me in and encouraged

me to get back on track."

After touring the building, the Duke and Dutchess, ripped the curtain down marking the official opening of Bute Mills, both joking they were sure to ruin it.

Chris Curtis, CEO of Youthscape, said: "I'm immensely proud that Bute Mills is part of the wider regeneration of this amazing town. Thousands of young people will be impacted by youth workers, who will be trained here by Youthscape

in the coming years."

The pair's final stop was the Centre of Excellence for Hayward Tyler, the world-wide market leader in the manufacture of Boiler Circulating Pumps and specialist wet-wound motors based in Kimpton Road.

The royal couple presented the firm with the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade.

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Weighing in

ELEPHANTS, beetles, meerkats and more all took to the scales for the annual weigh-in at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

Among those lining up was Sam the Asian Elephant, who seemed to enjoy having his feet measured by zoo keepers (pictured left).

The weigh-in allows the zoo to compile detailed records of all their animals, which in turn can be compared to records from other zoos across the world. See more pictures online at luton-dunstable.co.uk

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SCENE: One man is still charged with the murder of traveller Patrick Maloney

Charge dropped against man accused of murder

ONE of the brothers accused of murdering Patrick Maloney at a Bedfordshire travellers' site earlier this month has had the charge against him dropped.

Thomas McCarthy, 24, was accused of running over the father-of-three at Toddbury Farm in Slapton Road, Little Billington on August 2.

The murder charge against him has now been dropped

and he instead faces a charge for assaulting Mr Maloney before his death.

His brother, 21-year-old Christopher McCarthy, is now the only person accused of murdering the 43-year-old.

The judge freed Thomas McCarthy from Bedford Prison, where he had been remanded.

Christopher McCarthy was remanded in custody.

Burglar is spared time behind bars

BY NICK SMITH

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A CROOK who broke into a Bedfordshire home two and a half years ago did not go straight to jail today after a judge heard he is adamant that his offending days are over.

James Field, 29, made a messy search of the house in Sharpenhoe Road, leaving muddy footprints all over the property.

He had entered the back garden through a hole in the fence and smashed a window in the back door to break in, Luton Crown Court heard.

Prosecutor Kaja Reiff-Musgrove said Field put £480 worth of silver coins, wine, a gift

box, toiletries and jewellery in a holdall belonging to the owner.

She said he left the holdall by the side of the house because he probably knew there was CCTV in an alleyway he used to get away.

He did not want to be seen carrying the bag and the owner returned and found it lying there.

Defending, Carl Woolf said, since the burglary, Field had turned his life around, was adamant his offending was over and now worked as a scaffolder.

Judge Stuart Bridge passed an eight month jail term suspended for 18 months and ordered Field to carry out 120 hours' unpaid work.



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DOZY PARKERS

White van man

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READALLOVER



HATTERS' mascots Happy Harry and Happy Hatty were catching up with the latest goings-on around the town with a copy of *Luton on Sunday* earlier this week.

The mascots were joined by players, manager Nathan Jones and Chief Executive Gary Sweet in welcoming the Level Trust as the club's charity partner for the coming football season. Read all about it on Page 2.

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK: Andrew Cooper

Your teachers are with you!

After the smiles and tears of A level and GCSE results days, Andrew Cooper, chief executive officer at the Shared Learning Trust, tells how it's not just students who suffer from summer exam stress...



LET me start with a confession: I'm a 48 year-old man and I still suffer from exam nerves every summer.

I can't help it.

I'm a teacher.

It's not just young people and their families who are nervously waiting for exam results at this time of year: teachers also have exam stress.

When you think about it, that's not surprising. The success of your pupils is also a reflection of your ability as a teacher.

How well the school achieves definitely reflects on your ability as a Headteacher. And teaching is a very accountable profession: these days, you are only as good as your last set of results.

With ever-changing exam requirements and talk of exams getting harder, many teachers feel they have done everything possible to prepare their pupils and yet they can still lack confidence in the exam results because change creates uncertainty.

It all adds up to a nerve-racking time if you are a teacher.

But actually, it goes deeper than that.

The relationship between pupil and teacher definitely changes during exam courses and particularly as the pupils get older.

You do everything to prepare your class for the exams that lie ahead: revision sessions before, during and after school, practise tests, individual sessions where you try to help a pupil understand a topic or an idea.

You give advice and guidance.

And inevitably you build a bond with your pupils as you try to ease the tension.

And that bond is very strong in our family of schools at The Shared Learning Trust in Luton and Dunstable.

At the Linden, Vale, Stockwood Park and Chalk Hills academies, we pride ourselves on really getting to know our young people. We teach children from 2-18: from learning to tie their shoe laces to going to university or getting their first job.

Some of our youngsters do not have the easiest start in life so those results really matter and can often be life-changing.

I'm pleased to say we've had some fantastic results at The Shared Learning Trust this summer and we are incredibly proud of our pupils and our teachers who play a big part in this critical time in a young person's life.

But as teachers, we will never stop being nervous at this time of year.

Your Luton on sunday Letters

No rules at pools

DOREEN Steinberg is completely right about our pool and unfair rules about using it (*LoS*, Letters, 21.8.16).

There should be no rules about swimming pools and Doreen is right, the council are imposing their opinions on us again.

A Gush
Bury Park
Luton

Gold standard

IT should be no surprise that the US won so many gold medals - their population is nearly five times ours, so they have more athletes from which to choose.

Realising this I decided to divide the 'golds' won by each of the top ten countries by their populations - and guess what?

Team GB came top followed by Australia. The US came only sixth while China wallowed down in tenth place.

Ron Turvey
Stanmore Crescent
Luton

Sporting capital

THE amazing success of our athletes and sports men and women in Rio is a superb example of what can be achieved by personal effort and dedication, skilled coaching and well designed financial support.

Top level sport is an activity most demanding of the individual, requiring massive sacrifices by families and colleagues and depending, in most

CHAMPION: Sailor Giles Scott went to school in Bedfordshire and took home a gold for Team GB



cases, on support by enlightened employers, colleagues and charities; and, in particular, the National Lottery.

We can expect a similar surge in interest in sport to that following London 2012 once the dust has settled post-Rio 2016.

It is however significant that most of the clothing, equipment and resources used by our sports persons comes from outside the UK. The logos and names of International sports equipment and clothing makers are continually visible on our TV screens. Very few of them are British. As a leading sporting nation Britain fails to provide much of the equipment needed.

Many of our domestic manufacturers have been absorbed by International names. Others have fallen by the wayside for other reasons.

However entrepreneurship is a fea-

ture of our national characteristics and we ought to be able to take our share of this vast and profitable market. We hear many platitudes from politicians and economists about our past industrial prominence and the need to strengthen our industrial base, but the provision of finance for start-ups in production remains poor and banks continue to plead low returns and high risk as an excuse for failing to lend adequately to this potentially extremely profitable area.

Support and direction for a change in attitudes must come from central government, of course. However sport and leisure activity generally represents a growing market in Great Britain and the industrialised world.

Rio clearly represents a massive business opportunity for foreign manufacturers.

Why does the United Kingdom consistently fail to capitalise?

Bob Clark
By email

Think before you call

I WAS exiting a retail car park though the barriers, not meant for pedestrians, when a young lady busy chatting on her mobile phone stepped out in front of my car.

Lucky I was driving very slowly. She looked at me, took fright, then just carried on walking. Not a care in the world. I've seen this happen before.

Are people stupid?

She would have all the time in the world making her phone calls from a hospital bed.

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Cash to conserve historic structure

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FUNDRAISING campaign has been launched to help conserve a historic part of Wardown House.

Welcoming visitors to the museum, the decorative Porte Cochere was used to shelter visitors alighting from their horse drawn carriages and is a stunning example of one of the surviving original features of Wardown House.

Originally commissioned by a wealthy local solicitor, Frank Chapman Scargill and designed by Thomas Sorby in 1874, the house is an ornate mid-Victorian mansion which was built at an estimated cost of £10,000.

At the time it used locally produced bricks known as 'Luton Greys'.

Six terracotta busts adorn the Porte Cochere, all notable Victorian contemporaries of significant reputation.

The figures depicted include multiple term British Prime Ministers in Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, William Gladstone and Benjamin Disraeli.



A GRAND ENTRANCE: The decorative Porte Cochere is one of the original features of Wardown House, which is now the museum

Now Luton Culture is calling on the public to try and help raise £10,000 in 2016 to conserve the building, and improve access to it.

A spokesman said: "The decorative elements on the Porte Cochere highlight the significance of the aesthetic value of the house."

"These elements are surviving evidence of the wealth invested in the design of the building."

"All the money raised will be used specifically to make the entrance more accessible by raising the floor level, and reinstating the steps to the front plus repairs."

"There will also be conservation to the six terracotta busts and other decorative elements."

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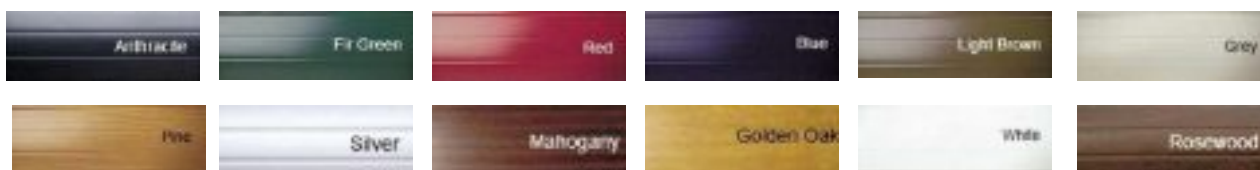


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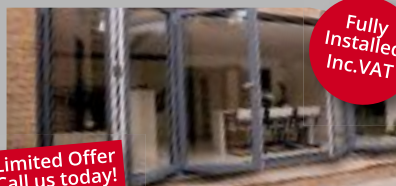
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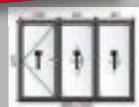


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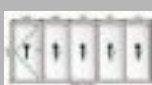
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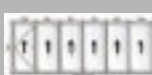
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Police pledge £30k to road victim group

BY NICK SMITH

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FAMILIES helped by the Road Victims Trust (RVT) have expressed gratitude after the Police and Crime Commissioner announced that £30,000 a year will be donated to the charity.

Kathryn Holloway has pledged the money, each year from 2017, to the Bedford-based RVT, using income generated by Bedfordshire Police's Cameras, Tickets and Collisions Unit.

RVT Ambassador, 23-year-old Henry Wellbelove, whose younger brother Archie was killed when he was hit by a taxi in 2012, said: "The Trust provided my family with



SUPPORT: Clockwise from top left: Grant, Henry, Mathilda and Katie Wellbelove with Kathryn Holloway PCC (front centre)

unwavering and invaluable support at a time when it seemed to all that the inexorable sense of despair would take hold.

"We are all hugely appreciative of the support of Kathryn Holloway and Bedfordshire

Police."

A few comments on social media suggest some would rather see the money spent on frontline policing.

In response, Ms Holloway said: "I've had a universal mailbag of support for this initiative.

"People don't like money going from speed cameras into police coffers, so we've decided to use the money to help a very important charity."

She also explained how the donation is a good deal for the force, saying: "The RVT do the work of one and a half police officers a year, supporting families through inquests and also providing unlimited counselling."

First bridge on A5-M1 link completed

THE first overbridge on the M1-A5 link road has been completed near the village of Chilton.

Chief Secretary to the Treasury David Gauke visited the project on Wednesday to see the scheme's progress.

He also learnt about how work is progressing on the building of two new bridges over the M1 motorway, which began in March this year, and

the removal of two old bridges, due to start in September. The road will support economic growth for Dunstable, Luton and the surrounding area, cut congestion and shorten journey times for local road users.

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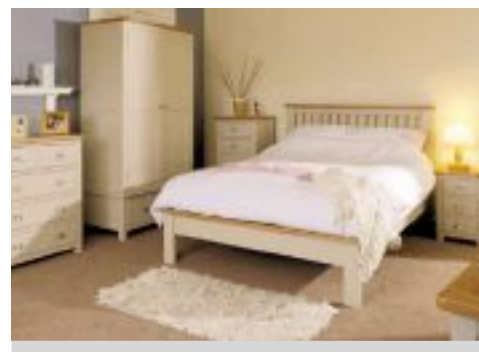
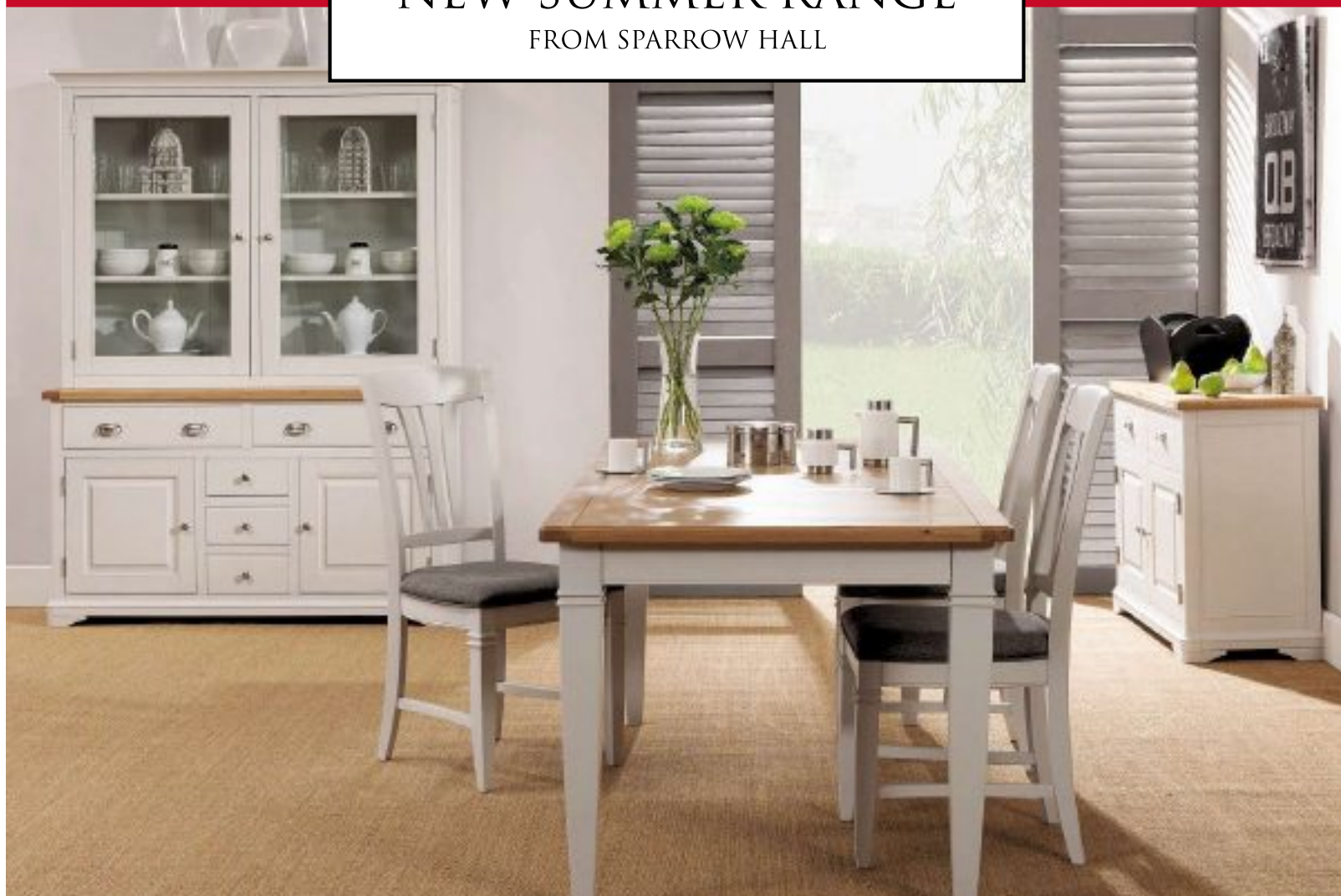
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Bedfordshire Police has already seen 27 cases of coercive control and two alleged offenders are facing

New laws were passed in 2015 making non-physical domestic abuse a criminal offence, punishable by up to five years in prison. What is 'coercive control' and how do you prove it has happened in court? JENNA HUTBER investigates. . .

court trials. Detective Chief Superintendent Jackie Sebire said that coercive control can be explained as 'a way I would behave towards someone else that makes them change their behaviour through pressure, through threats and other means'.

She added that male victims number among those who have come forward.

"We have had a mixture but the majority are female."

She said the police are currently seeing small numbers but she expects the new law will have a big impact on because it recognises, in law, that coercive control is a

damaging and vital element of domestic abuse.

"We've known that for a long time but it hasn't been part of legislation," Det Ch Supt Sebire said. "The numbers of cases we see will change as officers become more aware of the legislation. Also as victims recognise that actually the fact that my partner is not letting me speak to my friends, making me do strange routines, I'm forced to wear certain things, I've got to behave a certain way is wrong."

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NEW ERA: Deputy chief superintendent Jackie Sebire hopes legislation will bring justice for victims of non-physical abuse

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"Sometimes you get to crimes and you've got spaghetti bolognese up the walls and you've got broken chairs and it's obvious what happened. Coercive control is a lot more subtle. All the clues will be there. You've got to have the maturity and curiosity to see it.

"Very brave victims will have to give evidence, they will have to tell their stories. We have some incredibly courageous victims coming forward."

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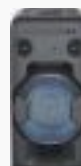
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Travellers soon find new home

BY JAMES AVERILL
editor@lsnmedia.co.uk

UP to 50 caravans that had settled on land in Lewsey Park have been moved on by police – but have already found a new home.

Officers moved in on Wednesday to evict the travellers, but they have now headed further south to move onto land near ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

Several sites in the town have been used by groups of travellers looking for a home



ON THE MOVE: Several caravans spotted in Leagrave Park

in recent months.

Groups have been booted off land including Leagrave Park, a site at the former Dunstable Magistrates'

Court, and Power Court - the potential new site for the Luton Town Football Club stadium.

George Rochford, 40, a car trader from a group of travellers that were moved on from the former Dunstable court site, had earlier called on local councils to find a permanent site for the group.

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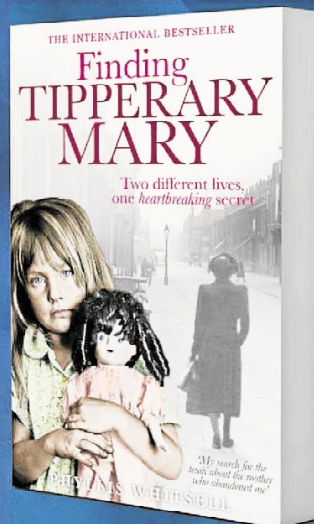
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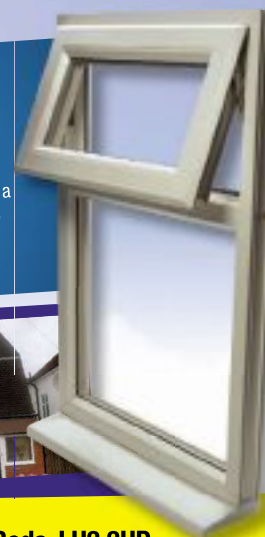
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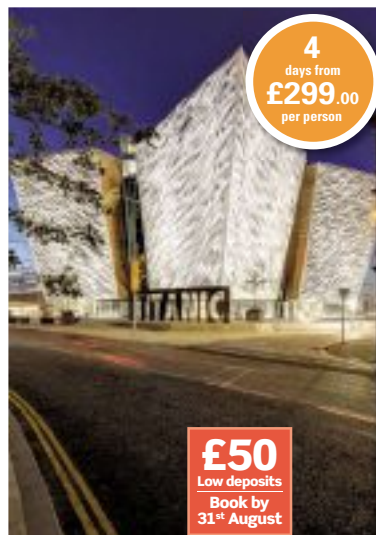
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Mrs Dean said: "We're introducing a walk here because they're popular

elsewhere and it gives people a chance to learn about the history of the town.

"We have a number of former mayors and businessmen who helped shaped the town buried here and it's a chance to learn about forgotten history of the town."

One such person buried there is Henry Impey, who was mayor of the Luton during the 1919 Peace Day Riots and was smuggled out of the town while the old town hall was burned down.

Also buried there are the Oakley brothers, who started a number of businesses in the town and have a street named after them, along with another former five time mayor of the town and hat factory owner Asher Hucklesby.

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LAZING is the last thing that is happening on this cloudy morning in a rehearsal studio in East London. The cast of Sunny Afternoon, the hit musical based on the story and the songs of swinging sixties icons The Kinks, is working flat out prior to the start of the national tour of the show which is coming to Milton Keynes next week. JUDY RILEY dropped into rehearsals for a chat. . .

Has Ray Davies been around while you have been rehearsing?

Garmon Rhys (Pete Quaife, bass player): Ray was involved quite a lot in the casting. How much of a final say he had, I don't know, those are the sort of conversations that go on behind closed doors. But in the final round of auditions I was aware of this quiet man sitting up at the back with the steely glare. . .

Did you know much about the band or The Kinks' songs before you got involved with the show?

Mark Newnham (Dave Davies): I pretty much knew all the songs. Kinks' songs are a soundtrack to so many films and TV shows. I can remember listening to a cassette tape of them on a loop, as children they were filtering into our brains. Ryan O'Donnell (Ray Davies): I didn't know much about the band as such but the songs, yeah, it's amazing how many you know. You say, Oh, I know this one – and I know this one and it's just great song after great song after great song.

What is your favourite Kinks' number?

Garmon: My favourite is You Really Got Me. It's the first time you see the band on stage as a four piece. You get a real buzz hearing those first chords.

Ryan: I've fallen in and out of love with different ones as we've gone along. The first one I really started to love was Set Me Free. It's a really sexy tune and it has all the quite trippy vocal harmonies and guitar riffs. But then Days is heartbreaking every time you do it and the reaction from the audience is great every time.

When the band recorded Sunny Afternoon Ray Davies had a really bad cold. When you sing it, Ryan, it's very beautiful and also quite sweet. Do you ever feel like reproducing that rougher sound?

Ryan: Arrgh! It's a constant battle I have with our Musical Director! He says: 'Ryan, you're singing it like Ray but could you sing it a bit nicer, a bit brighter? It's supposed to be a happy moment in the show'. So I say 'Ah, but it is a lazy afternoon' to which he replies: 'Yeah, but it's not a lazy moment in the show!'

So what is it about this show that has made it such a West End hit?

Ryan: Well of course it's the amazing music but it digs up the dirt of the Kinks' story. So many people say 'I never knew that about The Kinks!!'

Andy Gallo (Mick Avory, drummer): There's a lot of drama between Dave and the other three not least at the end of Act 1 when Mick ends up hitting him over the head with a drum pedal. Mick went on the run for a few days because he thought he'd killed Dave.

Mark: Then a few weeks later they went back into the rehearsal room and neither Dave nor Mick said anything!

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REVIEW

'It really got me'

IT'S not that there weren't people over the age of 40 around in the 1960s but, like Alka Seltza in a glass of water, they were fast becoming invisible.

The Swinging Sixties witnessed the explosive birth of pop music, the teenage revolution and a national football team that won stuff. London was the capital of cool and Ray Davies, frontman and creative genius behind The Kinks, its tailor-made spokesman.

Fast forward 50 years and, even if the summer of love dawned decades before you were born, odds are you'll still be able to hum along with some of the songs that Ray Davies wrote. You Really Got Me, Days, Lola, Waterloo Sunset?

And then, of course, there's Sunny Afternoon, the song that gave its name to the title of this award-winning musical based on the story of the four lads whose journey took them from a dead end street in North London to New York.

Not that the journey didn't get very messy at times.

Writer Joe Penhall has cleverly dramatized Ray Davies' memoirs – not that there wasn't a fair old helping of dramatic tension in the air anyway – and the songs are seamlessly interwoven into the storyline.

And what songs they are. In a pulse-racing moment as The Kinks find their Chelsea-booted feet, so the opening chords of You Really Got Me smash out from the massive banks of speakers. Balance that against the heart-breakingly beautiful a cappella version of Days and Sunny Afternoon accompanying the joyful celebration of a World Cup win and you get far more than a juke-box musical loosely held together by a limp storyline and a bunch of contrived characters. These characters are as real, as rough and as richly drawn as any of today's pop legends.

Sibling rivalry wasn't invented by the Gallagher brothers and Pete Doherty was a lightweight when you compare the antics Ray's younger brother got up to.

If the chandelier that the wild but desperately insecure Dave swings on just about survives, ultimately the same can't be said for the relationships between band members. There's an underlying melancholy to the show, even when it's at its most sunny.

But, as the indifferent summer of 2016 draws to a close, Sunny Afternoon is as hot a prospect and as entertaining a theatrical treat as any night – or afternoon out – you could wish for. It really got me.

Judy Riley

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COMEDY

Rich pickings for fans of quick wit



RICH HALL
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ONE of the veterans on the world's comedy scene, one of Britain's favourite American stand up comics is coming to Dunstable next month.

Rich Hall has had a long and storied career, working on Saturday Night Live and the David Letterman show, where he started his comedy career in 1980.

He has also been named by The Simpsons creator Matt Groening as the inspiration behind Springfield's misanthropic bartender Moe Syslak - a glowing character review if there ever was one!

He has lived on-and-off in the United Kingdom for over 20 years and it is arguably here where he has achieved his biggest successes, becoming a mainstay and one of the most respected and well-received comedians in the country.

He is a regular on BBC panel shows, particularly QI, where he is known as the guest panellist with the most wins in the show's history.

Only permanent panellist Alan Davies has more.

He has also appeared on a number of other panel shows, including Never Mind The Buzzcocks, 8 Out Of 10 Cats and Have I Got News For You.

Aside from his comedy TV appearances, Mr Hall is the star of the critically acclaimed BBC 4 documentaries Rich Hall's Continental Drifters,

Rich Hall's The Dirty South and How The West Was Lost.

His critically acclaimed grouchy, deadpan style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and the king of rapid-fire wit.

The award-winning Virginia native renowned for his expertly crafted tirades and quick fire banter with audiences and delightful musical sequences saddles up and hitches his wagon to tour the British Isles once again.

This is a comedian whose plain spoken growling indignation and acerbic observations have an unerring talent for hitting his targets with precision every time, leaving his audience hanging on every word winning him fans all over the globe.

Perrier Award and Barry Award winner Hall has been described as a transatlantic messenger lampooning each country he visits with his common sense, and he is no less harsh to his homeland.

Tickets are £16, with a £1.95 transaction fee will be added per booking to online and telephone bookings.

Tickets can be booked by visiting grovetheatre.co.uk or by calling the box office on 01582 602080.

Wheelchair users must book their tickets over the phone.

Booking is advised as tickets are selling quickly for this one-off performance.

What's hot in Luton



Need help starting your Family Tree? Come along and Luton Culture will show you how to get started using findmypast.co.uk. The two hour long events will be held at libraries across Luton in September. It will be held at Marsh Farm Library on 5 September; Luton Central Library on the 7th from 5.30pm; Leagrave Library on September 12 from 2pm; Stopsley Library on September 19 and Lewsey Library on September 26. All events start at 2pm unless stated. £5.



The monthly comedy club at The Hat Factory brings a top line up of up-and-coming talent to the town. Resident MC Jake Pickford is once again hosting the proceedings, which brings up-and-coming comedians to town. Doors open at 8pm on Friday, August 19, with tickets costing £5 each.



LAURA Holland will be bringing sax appeal to The Bear Club with her six-piece blues band. The group mixes up original scores with covers of 50s and 60s soul and blues songs. Laura is performing at 8:30pm on Saturday (doors open at 7pm). Tickets cost £10 by going online to www.the-bear.club

COFFEE TIME

PATHWORDS

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find ten ballets.

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TRANSFORMER

Add the given letter or letters to the first word to make a new word.

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Clue: Squeeze to get out of a short distance.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

What word links the following?

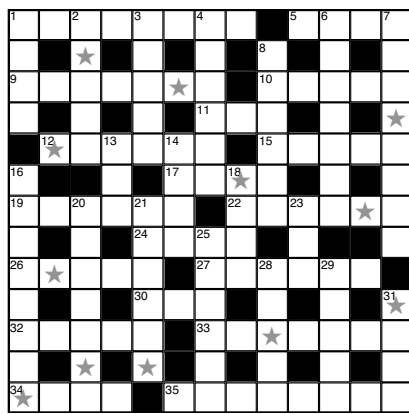
- inherent;
- a person born in a particular place;
- a member of the original race of a country.

FIVE ALIVE

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid - but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

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Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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Can you find the celebrity name hidden in this crossword? The letters in the starred squares will make an anagram of the name.

CLUES ACROSS

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- Wading bird (4)
- Anxious (7)
- Additional (5)
- Weep (3)
- Erase (6)
- Accounts (5)
- Actual (4)
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- Obscene, unbecoming (8)

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- Pale red (4)
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- In a higher place
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- Singing voice (4)
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- From that time (5)
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SOLUTIONS

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CHRISTIE Brinkley became one of the world's first supermodels after she was spotted in a French post office in 1973 by an American fashion photographer.

Famously married to singer Billy Joel for several years, she appeared in his music videos and was also a regular on the front of the world's fashion and sports magazines. She later took up acting, most notably appearing in the 1983 movie National Lampoon's Vacation but also more recently in New York and London productions of Chicago. She has also written several best-selling fitness and health books.

But for many Americans, her heyday was during the 1980s when she became famous for her power hair, mega-watt smile and colourful bikinis.

Life has not always gone to plan for Brinkley, though. The 62-year-old has been married four times and she endured a messy divorce during the late 1990s. She also recently announced she had finished her relationship with singer John Mellencamp.



Much of Brinkley's modelling millions were cannily invested in property and she is said to own more than a dozen homes in The Hamptons, the luxury area to the east of New York.

And her current home there is now for sale. Tower Hill, which includes an impressive observation tower built in 1891, is a three-storey house with 20 acres of gardens and forest as well as a tennis court and a

heated swimming pool.

Christine is moving to one of her smaller homes in the area as two of her children are now living in New York City and her youngest will be attending college there.

The estate is for sale with Enzo Morabito of Douglas Elliman. Priced at \$29.5 million.

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An eye for a fashionable look

HAVE you ever wondered how young women are picked out of the crowd to become the next Kate Moss or Naomi Campbell?

Although it sounds improbable in today's social media world, the work of modelling talent scouts continues apace. And until recently one of the most famous was Fiona Ellis.

Starting out as a traditional scout, Ellis carved out a lucrative career on TV including several 'catwalk' series for CNN and also employed innovative ways to find the next generation of catwalk models.

Now concentrating on her interiors and clothing design work, Fiona was until recently famous as the person who discovered supermodel Erin O'Connor, although Ellis has also

worked with Claudia Schiffer, Helena Christensen and Elizabeth Hurley.

But it's clearly time to move on. Ellis's home in Ascot, Berkshire is now up for sale. The property, which she moved into six years ago, has been remodelled in her somewhat unusual style and includes a leopard-print clad toilet and ceilings covered crocodile embossed wallpaper.

It's a flat on Spring Grove in Ascot and is being sold via Savills Sunningdale (01344 626 162) for £1.1 million.

For that you get two en-suite bathrooms, two reception rooms, study, a kitchen/diner and access to a garage, private terrace and communal gardens.



Joe's slice of England in Colorado



Singer Joe Cocker died in 2014 after a long and successful career during which he both achieved numerous hit singles and albums on both sides of the Atlantic and was famed for his gravelly voice and unusual on-stage performances.

At the time of his death the former gas engineer turned superstar was lauded as the 'greatest blues singer' the UK had ever produced and both Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr paid tribute.

Cocker's most famous hits included several Beatles

covers including With A Little Help From My Friend. His other big sellers included When a Man Loves A Woman, Up Where We Belong and You Can Leave Your Hat On.

Despite battling alcoholism and drug addiction during his early career, Cocker went on to phenomenal creative success and Rolling Stone magazine lists him as one of the 100 greatest singers of all time.

He released more than 20 albums including two gold discs in the US, two platinum ones in Germany and a gold and two silver discs in the UK.

In 1992 Cocker and his wife Pam used some of his estimated £30m career earnings to buy 243 acres of land in Crawford, Colorado and build a little bit of England – a huge gothic-style manor house with seven bedrooms, a kitchen garden, 33ft turret, sweeping staircase, billiard room and a 1,500 sq ft master suite.

The property is now being sold at auction by his widow after it failed to sell at \$7 million.

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Where Bond will be forever

THERE are many properties linked to Ian Fleming's James Bond books but perhaps the one that goes the deepest is Black Hole Hollow Farm in Vermont, USA.

The property was once owned by Ivar Bryce, a lifelong friend of Fleming's and the man who Fleming drew inspiration from to base the character of Bond's US counterpart Felix Leiter in the books.

But for 007 fans the Bond connections go even further at Black Hole Hollow Farm. Fleming used the property – which is about three and a half hours by car north of New York city – as a quiet retreat to pen two of his most famous books. These were *Diamonds Are Forever* and *Goldfinger* and they were both written during the 1950s in the 18th century farmhouse's Yellow Room, which still exists today.

Fleming was not the only famous guest at the house. Ivar Bryce and his wife Josephine were well connected and both



Princess Margaret and Jackie Kennedy were entertained at the eight-bedroom historic property, which is now for sale.

It comes with 948 acres of land, 33 miles of walking trails, paddocks, a riding arena, four barns, an outdoor swimming pool, four other smaller houses

and an old guest register in which Fleming wrote: 'Lived here like a king – an uninvited one – in fragrant and luxurious solitude'.

The colonial-era property is being sold by Christie's Real Estate (+1 631 680 7557) for just over £3 million.



THERE can be few people who have not been touched by the writing of Roald Dahl at some point in their life.

For most of us it will have been his children's books – perhaps *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* or *Fantastic Mr Fox* – or more recently the film version of *The BFG* starring Mark Rylance now playing in cinemas, directed by Steven Spielberg.

This latest success for Dahl, who died in 1990, has helped propel the author to new heights of popularity. His books for both children and adults have now sold 200 million worldwide putting Dahl in the top 50 of the world's most published authors.

This year is also the 100th anniversary of his birth to Norwegian parents in Wales at a house in Landaff, a suburb of Cardiff, called Villa Marie.

His father emigrated from Norway in the 1880s and later brought over his wife, Sophie,



and raised a family of one son and three daughters.

The house now sports a blue plaque commemorating the author's birth and upbringing at the property, which was built by Roald's father in 1907.

The 3,300 sq ft property is for sale via local agent Hern & Crabtree (029 2055 5198) for £1.29 million and, as well its rich literary history, includes five bedrooms, four reception rooms, three bathrooms and a sun patio and garden at the rear.



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Advertorial

No Brexit impact on house prices

Dunstable has weathered the predicted post-Brexit slump – and the interest rate drop could boost local business

By Fiona Davidson

The property market in Dunstable is still thriving despite the doom and gloom predicted as a result of the Brexit effect, according to a leading estate agency in the area.

Ed Harrison, an estate agent who has a wealth of experience in the property market in Dunstable and the surrounding area, said he has seen first-hand that Brexit has had no impact on residential property prices. And he urged those on the market for a new property to get moving now and they could be in their new home in time for Christmas.

A number of reports have predicted a downturn in the residential property market in the aftermath of the referendum to leave the European Union but the latest survey by national property specialists Rightmove found that market fluctuations are as expected for this time of year, the summer holiday period. This is because many people thinking of buying a house take a break from their house hunting activities over the summer.

"There has been no change in the price of properties in the Dunstable area as a result of Brexit," added Ed of Dunstable-based estate agents Deakin-White. It is still a great place to buy a reasonable sized house for a good price in an area where there are lots of employment opportunities and good transport links to London. Buying in Dunstable also means that purchasers can buy a good-size, good quality family home for the price of an apartment in London."

The Bank of England's interest rate cut to a record low of 0.25 per cent should also help buyers as it should be cheaper to borrow and boost confidence in the market.

Ed added: "In Dunstable, it is cheaper to buy property than to rent. It's an ideal time to buy and if prospective buyers get moving now, they could be in their new home in time for Christmas."

"It is lots cheaper to buy a good family home in Dunstable rather than in London. For example, a three-bedroom semi-detached house, ideal for a family, would cost around £250,000 in Dunstable compared to a two-bedroom apartment in Watford."

The latest report by Right Move showed an 8.2 per cent increase in property prices in the east of England, which includes Dunstable in Bedfordshire, over the past year with an average price of £335,000 compared to £309,000 in August last year.

Apart from the more affordable property prices, Dunstable is still within reasonable commuting distance of London (well within an hour to the city), there are excellent amenities in Bedfordshire ideal for a growing family and it is closer to the countryside. The Luton Airport expansion will also boost the local and regional economy and boost employment opportunities.

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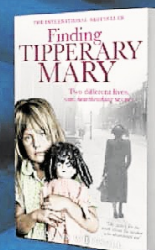


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Robo cars 'won't spoil fun'

BY CHRIS RUSSON

THE arrival of cars that can drive themselves will not mean the end of motoring for pleasure.

That's the view of the man who is tasked with developing the next generation of models for Kia and Hyundai.

Albert Biermann, who helped create BMW's legendary M performance cars, says that the advent of so-called autonomous vehicles will not mean the cars of the future will be all the same. "Chassis development will not stop because of autonomous cars," said Mr Biermann, who became head of high performance vehicle development for the Korean brands 18 months ago.

Speaking at the companies' top secret research and development facility at Namyang close to the Korean capital Seoul, Mr Biermann echoed the words of Ferdinand Porsche who famously said the last car in the world will be a sports car.

Mr Biermann said that despite the shift towards 'robo cars' there would still be a demand for conventional models with the driver completely in control.

"The key part is enjoying the drive and cars which do that will



be around for many years to come," said Mr Biermann.

"They might turn into a hobby but they will survive. There's so much fun driving a car that will not go away."

Since joining Kia and Hyundai – who like all other major car firms are making vehicles safer with automated systems such as lane departure warnings and blind spot monitors – Mr Biermann has set about improving the Korean cars' vehicle dynamics, especially

for European conditions.

New test tracks have been opened at Namyang to fine tune the next wave of Kia and Hyundai models to satisfy differing driving tastes.

The facility includes a high speed track and a wet handling circuit to allow test drivers to fine tune suspension and steering characteristics.

Both Kia and Hyundai already have factories in Europe where cars such as the cee'd, Sportage

and Tucson are built and tested on European roads.

"The way we are moving forward in Europe is clear on the driving side to make it more safe and fun," said Mr Biermann.

He added that the next generation of cars from the two brands, which include hybrids such as the Kia Niro and the Hyundai Ioniq as well as the sporty-looking new Optima Sportswagon from Kia would feature a 'GT' approach'.

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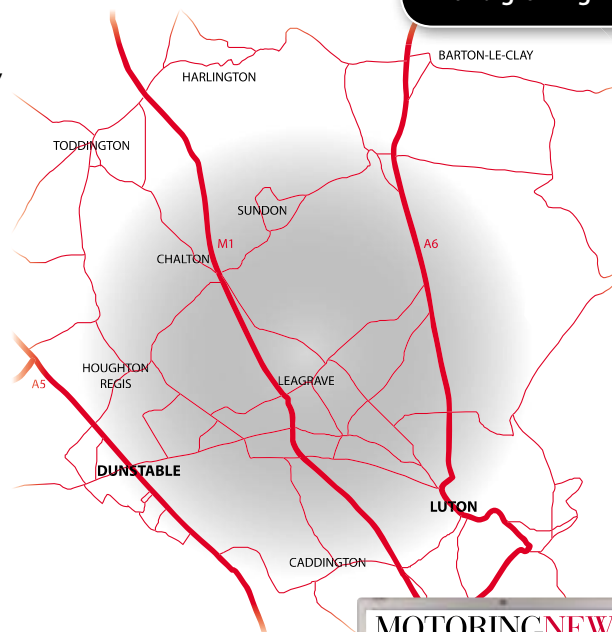
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Suzuki SX4 S-Cross 1.6

Take a look inside. . .

BY IAN DONALDSON

THE next time someone in the pub tells you his car is costing him a fortune in fuel find out how fast he drives - and tell him to calm down.

Especially with a diesel doing the work, you'd be amazed at how far the fuel bill plummets with a little right leg restraint.

Take this car for example, the postest version of Suzuki's mid-size SUV that continues the company's reputation for un-flashy cars that do the job - and will keep on doing it for years.

It's a modestly sized machine, which is going to be good for economy. That diesel engine will help too, but the automatic gearbox it's bolted to may take the edge of economy, you'd think.

Except the automatic gearbox is a six-speed affair with a couple of clutches to do the donkey work and promising better economy than an old fashioned system that stirs oil around.

And so it proved, with an impressive 61.5mpg on the trip computer after more than 400 testing miles. I'd put a lot of that down to the car - but driving it without feeling my trousers were on fire helped too.

The automatic gearbox makes this SX4 £1,350 more costly

than a DIY six-speed manual version and, on paper, does dent the economy a bit. You'd never believe that with such fine result.

Indeed, an earlier drive in the manual SX4 diesel showed 54mpg - still a decent return but down on the current car because I was driving faster. A 1.6 petrol SX4 gave me 42mpg, so the message is clear; go diesel and slow down a bit to save significant amounts of cash.

Slowing down (not to a snail's pace) also let the relaxed nature of Suzuki's rival to the all conquering Qashqai from Nissan come to fore.

It's engine gets noisy if pushed, not helped by a gearchange keen to change down without a smooth approach to the throttle pedal. Better by far to ease back and enjoy the sight of the dash readout steadily improving the economy figure.

You can buy a petrol powered SX4 for £13,999 but it would be tempting to move up a grade from SZ3 to SZ-T and enjoy climate control in place of manual air conditioning, a DAB radio, navigation system and rear parking camera.

I admire Suzuki's approach to everyday motoring. Everything you might reasonably need, without the frills.

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Suzuki Swift selling swiftly

By: Chris Russon

THE Suzuki Swift has notched up another milestone by passing the five million mark of models sold across the globe.

Since it first arrived on the motoring scene 12 years ago the car has become a favourite with supermini fans around the world and more than 118,000 have been sold in Britain.

It is now Suzuki's most popular car in the UK and accounts for more than a third of the company's British sales.

In the UK, the Swift is available in three and five door versions and comes with a 1.2-litre petrol engine which emits 116g/km CO2 as well as a Dualjet engine equipped with twin fuel injectors that records 99g/km of CO2 and offers even stronger fuel economy at 65.7mpg.

The Swift is also one of the safest cars in its class with a five star Euro NCAP rating.

The Swift is available in five specification grades, SZ2, SZ3, SZ-L, SZ4 with the 1.2-litre petrol engine and in Sport trim with the 1.6-litre engine.

All models offer seven airbags and ESP as standard, front passenger airbag

deactivation facility, electric windows, remote central door locking with deadlocks, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, an MP3/WMA compatible CD tuner with USB port and steering wheel mounted audio controls. The Swift can also be specified with four wheel drive which offers added safety during the winter months.

The Swift 4x4 is available as a five-door 1.2 Dualjet petrol model with manual transmission and equipped as either an SZ3 or SZ4 grade.

Featuring lightweight components the Swift 4x4 is just 65kg heavier than an equivalent two-wheel-drive petrol model.

All British models are built at Suzuki's Magyar factory in Hungary.

The current line up is keenly priced and starts from £8,999 for the 1.2 SZ2 model with the range topping out at £14,354 for the 1.6-litre Sport which includes sat nav as standard.

The Swift 4x4 is priced from £14,199.



New Polo proves Match fit

By: Chris Russon

THE Volkswagen Polo has become an everyday feature of life on the road and the latest model is the best yet.

The sixth generation Polo has just been given a shot in the arm with the introduction of Match models which come loaded with kit.

The Match replaces the Polo SE and is available in three and five-door bodystyles priced from £12,960.

Standard equipment includes cruise control, front and rear parking sensors, front fog lights with static cornering function, tinted rear windows and 15-inch alloy wheels.

Volkswagen says there is some £900 worth of additional equipment fitted to the Polo Match compared to the SE.

The Polo Match is available with Volkswagen's 1.0 and 1.2-litre petrol engines and the company's economical 1.4-litre diesel which has a claimed fuel return of 78.5mpg and tax free emissions of 93g/km.

The diesels are priced from £15,170 for the three-door model and £15,800 for the five door.

The 1.2-litre turbo petrol versions of the Polo Match are also available with seven speed DSG automatic gearboxes instead of a five-speed manual box.



The DSG models cost from £15,480 and with emissions of 109g/km are rated at 60.1mpg but are the quickest of the Match models with a 0 to 60 acceleration of 10.8 seconds and a top speed of 114mph.

All versions of the Polo match come with air conditioning, a 6.5-inch touchscreen and the onboard software includes Volkswagen's 'Think Blue Trainer' which analyses driving styles and gives tips for achieving optimum economy.

BABY DIESEL FOR BABY INFINITI

By: Chris Russon



A NEW diesel version of the British-built Infiniti Q30 compact luxury car has been introduced making the model even more economical to run.

Priced from £21,500, the new 1.5-litre Q30 diesel is the most fuel efficient car Infiniti has ever produced.

It's rated at 68.9mpg and with emissions of 108g/km the Q30 1.5d is highly attractive to business drivers with a tax banding of 21 per cent.

The engine is from Infiniti's parent group Nissan-Renault

and is tried and tested in other models across the Franco-Japanese automotive alliance.

It's also fitted in the Q30's sister ship, the Mercedes-Benz A-Class.

In the Q30 it develops 109ps and gives the car a 0 to 60 acceleration time of 12.0 seconds with a top speed of 118mph. It's available as a six-speed manual and with the option of a seven-speed dual clutch semi-automatic transmission which costs £1,500 more.

The DCT version is not quite as frugal with an official fuel return of 65.7mpg and a CO2 rating of 111g/km but still outstrips the the Q30 2.2-litre diesel which is rated at 64.2mpg.

The new 1.5-litre powertrain is available across the Q30 front-wheel-drive range and tops out at £27,830 in Premium Tech In Touch specification.

Since its launch earlier this year the Q30 has helped Infiniti's sales surge in Britain, doubling to more than 2,000 since January.

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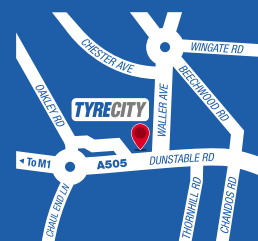
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SPECIAL SUBARU FORESTER FOR BOXER MILESTONE

By: Stewart Smith

SUBARU is celebrating 50 years of its iconic Boxer engine and has announced the release of Special Editions of its rugged Forester 4x4 for sale in the UK in September.

Just 100 units will be produced and they will be priced at £29,995 for the petrol Lineartronic and £31,495 for the diesel Lineartronic.

The special cars are based on the XC Premium model and they come with £1,500 of additional equipment at no extra cost.

Upgrades for the Forester Special Edition include Hunter Green Metallic Paint, front, side and rear under guards, wheel arch extensions and stainless steel cargo step panel as well as Special Edition brown leather seats with brown leather interior door grips, centre armrest and centre panel uprights.

Other equipment on the specials includes Subaru's Starlink seven-inch touchscreen infotainment, connectivity and navigation system, Hill Descent Control (HDC) and the company's X-Mode system which manages the car's power and torque, brakes and drivetrain to maintain traction on slippery surfaces



INGENIUM POWER FOR RANGE ROVER SPORT

By: Stewart Smith

LAND Rover has introduced its most efficient Range Rover Sport ever which goes on sale later this year. The big-selling Sport 4x4 now features an efficient Ingenium powertrain, upgraded infotainment system with connectivity and Wi-Fi capability, innovative semi-autonomous driving connected technologies and greater scope for personalisation.

Already available on both Discovery Sport and Range Rover Evoque models, Ingenium is Jaguar Land Rover's new breed of diesel engine designed for superior performance, refinement and efficiency.

The Ingenium units are built at the company's new multi-million pound engine plant at Wolverhampton.

Land Rover claims the 2.0-litre Ingenium engine's advanced technology and all-aluminium construction contribute to impressive fuel consumption of 45.6mpg and CO2 emissions 164g/km with a 0-60 acceleration time of 8.0 seconds.

UK buyers will also have the option of specifying Jaguar Land Rover's 3.0-litre V6 supercharged petrol engine in the latest Range Rover Sport.

The supercharged V6 achieves 340bhp and 450Nm of torque combined with emissions of 243g/km. This engine produces acceleration and power delivery of 0-60 in just 7.1 seconds.

Also new for the 2017 model year the Range Rover Sport features an improved All-Terrain Information Centre, which is accessible via the central touchscreen.

The system displays useful information when driving off-road, such as the direction of the front wheels and the status of the Wade Sensing system. This also now includes Drive Assist, which uses the



vehicle's surround-view cameras to help with low-speed manoeuvres when off-road.

One of the most significant features of the latest Range Rover Sport is the introduction of InControl Touch Pro, with a large 10-inch central touchscreen display. As a result the infotainment system features smoother controls and a wider range of connectivity options and apps than ever before.

Prices for the new Range Rover Sport will start at £59,700 and on up to £96,900

NEW SSANGYONG KORANDO OFFERS MORE

By: Stewart Smith

KOREAN car maker SsangYong has added an LE version to the line-up of its latest Korando crossover.

It is powered by a new powertrain featuring a 2.2-litre diesel Euro 6 engine and comes with two-wheel drive with either a six-speed manual or an Aisin six-speed automatic transmission.

The newly developed e-XDi220 diesel engine has maximum power of 178bhp and maximum torque of 400Nm are delivered from a low of 1,400rpm and maintained through a wide range up to 2,800rpm which SsangYong say will appeal to those who need towing capability.

CO2 emissions are claimed at 139g/km, while fuel economy is up to 53.3mpg on a combined run.

The new LE model has been designed by the Italian styling house Giugiaro and sports clear glass direction indicators, a piano black radiator grille and distinctive 18in diamond cut alloy wheels and sidesteps on this new offering.

The Korando LE also features a seven-inch high-



resolution touchscreen with audio streaming from smart devices and a link to the rear view camera, as well as a TomTom navigation system, including a USB memory slot and Aux-in and HDMI ports.

Other features include automatic air conditioning, heated front seats, privacy glass, rear spoiler with high mounted LED brake light and rear parking sensors.

The six-speed manual version costs £17,995 and the automatic £18,995.

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UEFA 'Champions' League carve-up

AFTER Great Britain's success at the Olympics in Rio came the inevitable.

No, I'm not referring to all the talk of how it all must inspire young people to take up sport, but instead the sanctimonious preaching of some columnists of 'what football can learn from the Olympics.'

Yes, footballers at the top end of the game are somewhat separated from reality with their enormous wealth, gated mansions and the bubble their clubs are often guilty of wrapping them in.

But to say all they need to do to cut out bad behaviour, such as abusing match officials, diving or any of the off-field shenanigans that often gets reported, is look at the Olympics and hold them up as an example is not only tiresome, but incorrect.

Whoever wrote these articles conveniently forgot that the Games just finished, for all its stunning action other-



wise, produced an American swimmer in Ryan Lochte that has now been charged with falsely reporting a crime – he claimed to have been robbed at gunpoint.

We also had the unedifying spectacle of Egyptian judoka Islam El Shehaby refusing to shake hands with his Israeli opponent Or Sasson.

And as for abuse of officials, have you ever seen a footballer kick a referee in the face as Cuban taekwondo player Angel Matos did during the 2008 Olympics in Beijing?

It didn't stop the same football-bashing spiel coming out then and no doubt those who

never actually take the time to watch the most popular sport in the world will be digging the same stuff up after the 2020 Games in Tokyo.

But there are times when you can't defend football and the decision by UEFA to guarantee the top four leagues in the continent four places in the group stages of the Champions League from the 2018/19 season.

You'd like to think the Olympics would never consider such a carve-up and in this case football seems to have learned from cricket, following the shameful hostile takeover of that sport that England, India and Australia were once guilty of.

Straight away that will be half of the 32 places taken up and it sends out completely the wrong message to clubs that aren't from Spain, England, Germany or Italy.

The fact that Villarreal and Roma were knocked out at the play-offs served to show that

Sport on sunday



EASY ROUTE: Borussia Mönchengladbach, who finished 33 points behind German champions Bayern Munich last season, would be guaranteed entry into the group stage under the new system

there wasn't much wrong with the old format; that teams from other countries still have a big role to play.

However, as usual in football, money talks. Now a competition already monotonously dominated by three

clubs – Barcelona, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich – is turning itself even more into the preserve of the elite.

How can a team who finished 33 points behind their country's champions – as Borussia Mönchengladbach

did in Germany last season – be more deserving of a team that actually won its league such as, for example, Club Brugge?

I do love football, but it has an infuriating habit of cutting off its nose to spite its face.

Win for Dunstable sees them to fourth place

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

DUNSTABLE Town came up trumps in their clash with Hayes and Yeading in the Evo Stik Southern League Premier Division yesterday afternoon.

A first half goal was enough for the Blues to take home all three points.

Alex Cathline netted with 38 minutes gone to give visitors Dunstable Town the win.

The win sees Dunstable in fourth place and just a point off top spot with six games gone in the season.

In the Evo Stik Division One Central, AFC Dunstable battled to a 2-2 draw at Kidlington while Barton Rovers trashed visiting Uxbridge 4-0.

Conor Calcutt got Barton off to a flying start finding the net with just 21 minutes gone, before Elliott Bailey doubled Rovers lead before the break.

Barton netted twice more after the interval, with Charlie Smith scoring a screamer in the 76th minute and Alex O'Brien settling the tie soon after with a goal in the 79th minute.

In their clash with Kidlington, AFC Dunstable

opened the scoring in the 16th minute, when Jermaine Hall found the net after being played through by Josh Humbert.

The hosts pressured Dunstable towards the end of the half, hitting the bar, but the visitors held firm to take a 1-0 lead in at the break.

Kidlington levelled in the 56th minute, with a 25 yard effort from Jack Dunnall but Dunstable retook the lead in the 63rd minute, with Hall netting his second.

However, a penalty converted by Lew Brownhill in the 70th minute saw Dunstable share the spoils.

Hometown bout off as Jordan needs to recover



INJURY: Boxer Jordan Reynolds

BOXING

JORDAN Reynolds has had to call off a hometown fight next month as a result of an injury.

The England boxing captain will undergo surgery next week and as a result will have to cancel the fight, which was planned for September 11.

Mr Reynolds said: "It's a shame but I need to take time to recover."

Mr Reynolds is offering refunds to anyone who had bought tickets to see his hometown bout.

However, he is expected to recover within a month and has his heart set on making a splash at the GB trials. The three-time British champion said: "They told me to get fit and ready for those so that's my focus."

Mr Reynolds is currently in Sweden conducting interviews about the King of the Ring tournament, which he won last year.



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Jones: Hatters weren't far off outplaying Leeds

FOOTBALL

BOSS Nathan Jones refused to be too disappointed at Luton's EFL Cup exit because he thought his side were better than Championship Leeds United, despite a narrow 1-0 second round defeat on Tuesday night.

Tyler Denton scored a decisive stunner on his first team debut midway through the first half yet the Hatters created far more clear-cut chances – including two Jack Marriott one-on-ones – but could not convert them.

Jones said: "I'm disappointed to be going out of the cup and I'm disappointed to lose the game but that's as far as my disappointment goes, because I thought we were outstanding from start to finish.

"The way we went about our work was superb, we were excellent. I wouldn't go as far as to say outplayed, but we weren't far off outplaying a Championship side.

"I thought in the first half we moved the ball really well, we just lacked a little bit of cutting edge, we had probably the best chance of the first half, the chance to go in level but we didn't take it, one-on-one, and then in the second half I thought we were magnificent.

"We went for it, had fluency, changed one or two things, we had the best chances in the second half again and I felt we deserved to win the game, but you've got to take your chances but in terms of a performance, I couldn't ask for any more from my squad of players, I thought they were excellent."

The good, bad and ugly...



ROMP: Hatters sealed victory with a dominant second half

FOOTBALL

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It was a case of the good, the bad and the 'ugly' for the Hatters as an excellent second half performance saw them romp to a record 3-0 victory at Cambridge United on Saturday.

Going forward the Hatters were excellent, while for half-an-hour either side of half time the Town were poor as they were forced on to the back foot by a lively Cambridge side propping up the division.

But Luton boss Nathan Jones was delighted to see his side win 'ugly', as he said: "It was possibly the, the ugliest game I have ever seen, especially first half. It was just horrible. We didn't come out of the blocks, we didn't do the basics right early on, and it was a bit like York away last year if I'm honest, where we didn't win our battles, didn't win our headers. Once we got to grips with it we kind of nullified what they had.

"We could have been one-down, but we had some good chances, some real good chances, but they did as well. Once we got to grips and picked the pace up second half - just what a win away from home!

"It's a difficult place to come. I know the natives are restless here, but they'll

do well and they'll beat sides here because it's such a difficult place to come and I thought second half we were outstanding."

He called on Town's players though to be more clinical in front of goal after Jordan Cook and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu should have given them the lead in the first half. He said: "That (Cook) was a good strike to be fair. Pelly-Ruddock was clean in and he has to show composure."

Jones also revealed that a number of clubs have been 'coveting' Town's stars, saying: "Now, we've got a great group here, that people covet, people want, people are wanting our players, but I'm saying that here's the right place for him (Mpanzu). Because if we're going to send him to the next level then that's what he needs to do.

"Because it's the first time he's been in and he hasn't quite picked the right finish. We need to do that to be clinical because that's what's going to win us games. Let's not rest on any negative, second half was outstanding."

However, he stated the club had no intention to part with any of their star players, adding: "We always get enquiries for our players because they are very good players, but we've got a strong club here, we have a fantastic board and have a real stability about us so we're a club that's hopefully moving forward and to do that we will be keeping our best players."

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Record win for Hatters

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A superb second half performance from the Hatters saw them strike three times without reply to go second in League Two.

Once Josh Coulson's unfortunate own goal had set them on their way, Town never looked back as Jack Marriott netted a brilliant individual goal and Danny Hylton swept home a third deep into stoppage time to complete a record 3-0 victory over rock-bottom U's at the Cambs Glass Stadium.

Wearing their all-white away kit for the first time this season Town made two changes to the team that were unlucky to go out of the League Cup against Championship Leeds United on Tuesday night, Jordan Cook and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu coming in for Jonathan Smith and Jake Gray who dropped to the bench.

The visitors were desperately unlucky not to take the lead on three minutes when keeper Will Norris got a hand to Stephen O'Donnell's cross and Cook pivoted to fire goalwards only to see his effort cannon off the near post with the keeper well beaten.

Moments later the U's put in a good cross of their own and the wrong-footed Christian Walton recovered well to repel Luke Berry's deflected header.

With Luton caught short at the back, Cambridge then slipped Berry slipped through only for Walton to produce a great one-handed save to turn his strike behind.

A lively end-to-end counter ensued with Jack



HIGH HOPES: Hatters were head and shoulders above Cambridge in the second half

Marriott at the heart of a superb Hatters move on 16 minutes. Mpanzu let O'Donnell's clever pullback run and Marriott's first-time effort was turned over the bar by Norris.

Silky football from the Hatters saw them cut right through the centre of the U's defence on 20 minutes as Hylton slipped Mpanzu clean through but, with just Norris to beat from eight yards out, he somehow rolled wide.

The lively Berry hooked tamely at Walton seconds later, while Medy Elito showed superb skills to jink free in the box and force a decent stop from Walton.

A tactical change saw Olly Lee replaced by Scott Cuthbert with Glen Rae moving into midfield, before some excellent refereeing allowed Luton to play advantage from inside their own half on 33 minutes as ex-Cambridge

loan man Cameron McGeehan raced 50 yards before firing just over from the edge of the box.

The second half opened with a dreadful mistake from Dan Potts as he was robbed by Piero Mingoa who strode to the edge of the box before slipping Elito in who could only roll across the face of goal with Walton beaten.

Having finished the second half on the back foot the Hatters continued to struggle at the start of the second half, with Cambridge spurred on by a partisan home crowd.

Out of the blue Town snatched lead on 62 minutes thanks to a fortuitous own goal. Cook's probing delivery left Rea with a free header back across goal and Josh Coulson inadvertently turned it past his own keeper with the defender beating the ground and shouting in frustration.

There was nothing lucky about the Hatters' second two minutes later. Marriott stepped inside his man and skirted along the outside of the area before curling beautifully left-footed beyond the powerless Norris and into the top left corner.

With Luton playing with much more confidence Mpanzu showed off some outrageous to tee up up O'Donnell, but he scuffed wide.

Town almost added a brilliant third two minutes from time when great hold-up play from Hylton saw him slip Cook into the box whose magical feet took him past several players, but reaching, he could only poke at Norris with McGeehan then firing over in the aftermath.

A brilliant second half performance was rounded off in the sixth minute of stoppage time when substitute Smith intercepted on the right, raced down the wing and teed up Hylton to sweep home Town's third.

U's: Will Norris, Greg Taylor, Blair Adams (Jake Gosling 80), James Dunne, Leon Legge, Piero Mingoa, Luke Berry (C), Ben Williamson (Uche Ikpeazu 65), Josh Coulson, Max Clark (Joe Pigott 65), Medy Elito. Substitutes not used: David Gregory, Sean Long, Tom Dallison, Conor Newton.

Hatters: Christian Walton, Stephen O'Donnell, Dan Potts, Johnny Mullins (C), Cameron McGeehan, Danny Hylton, Jordan Cook, Jack Marriott (Isaac Vassell 90+3), Glen Rea, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu (Jonathan Smith 87), Olly Lee (Scott Cuthbert 28). Substitutes not used: Craig King, Jake Gray, Josh McQuoid, James Justin.

Booked: Clark 33; O'Donnell 39; Rea 60; Hylton 86.

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